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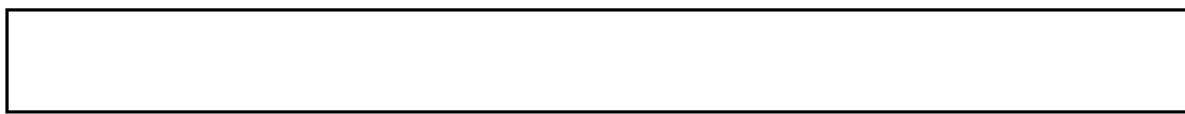
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*South Vietnam: [Senior military officers appear to be viewing General Khanh's plans and motives with increasing suspicion and hostility.]

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[General Cao, secretary general of the Armed Forces Council, has told Deputy Ambassador Johnson that Khanh is maneuvering to have himself elected chief of state. Cao professes himself convinced that Khanh, in alliance with the Buddhists, is conspiring to lead South Vietnam toward negotiations with the Communists]

[There is no firm evidence that Khanh is actually working toward a neutralist solution, a charge which is increasingly being lodged against him by his critics. However, the fact that such allegations are gaining currency suggests a possible early power play against Khanh.]

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Italy:

Premier Moro intends to announce on about 10 February the appointment of ex-Premier Fanfani as foreign minister. This will depend, however, on Moro's ability to get agreement on other possible cabinet changes involving both extremes of the coalition. Settlement of these problems--and in fact the future of the present center-left government--hinges also on the decisions the Christian Democratic National Council reaches this week on the coalition's program.

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Cuba-Spain: [Spain has reportedly agreed to buy 150,000 tons of Cuban sugar during 1965 at 6.71 cents a pound, almost triple the current world price.]

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[The 1965 purchase is to be only about half what the Spanish bought from Cuba last year, and Madrid may have agreed to the high price in order to encourage Cuba to continue its high level of imports from Spain. The Cubans have thus apparently won the first round in their fight to obtain premium sugar prices from free world countries.]

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